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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

FISCAL YEARS 2010-2011

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THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE

and

BALTIMORE FIRE FIGHTERS, LOCAL 734

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS

AFL-CIO, CLC

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into this First day of July, 2009 by and between the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore ("Employer") and the Baltimore Fire Fighters, Local 734, IAFF, AFL-CIO, CLC ("Union"). The terms and conditions of this document shall constitute a mandate to the Mayor of Baltimore City with respect to such matters which can be remedied administratively by her, and as a mandate to the Board of Estimates and the City Council with respect to matters which require legislative action necessary to implement the decision of the Board of Arbitration.

ARTICLE 1: DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLE, POLICIES AND PURPOSE

It is the intent and purpose of the Union and the Employer to promote and improve the efficiency of the operations of the City of Baltimore and the Baltimore City Fire Department. In order to render the most efficient public service to the citizens of the City, the Union and Employer agree that this goal can best be achieved through an orderly, constructive and harmonious relationship between them. The parties hereto are in further accord that effective employee relations in the public service requires a clear statement of the respective rights and obligations of labor and management and for this purpose enter into this Memorandum of Understanding.

ARTICLE 2: RECOGNITION

A. The Employer recognizes the Union as the certified representative of all eligible employees in the Baltimore City Fire Department pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Employee Relations Ordinance, Baltimore City Code (2009 as published by Baltimore City Department of Legislative Reference), Article 12, Section 4-1.

B.

1. The Employer shall continue to recognize the Union as the exclusive representative for all apprentices, trainees and/or entry level employees, and lateral entry paramedics, within the Fire Department. The terms and conditions of employment within this Memorandum of Understanding for the Union's bargaining unit shall apply to those employees.
2. The Employer shall phase-out the Baltimore City Fire Department's Joint Apprenticeship Program. No additional apprenticeship classes shall be started. Candidates in the classes currently active, shall complete the course of study, all training and licensure required under the Apprenticeship Standards, including Advanced Life Support ("ALS") certification by NIEMSS.
3. To replace the Joint Apprenticeship Program, the Employer shall organize, fund, and safely operate a training program for all candidates recruited to work within the Fire Suppression Service and/or the Emergency Medical Service, and those candidates shall be assigned to an appropriate grade by the Department of Human Resources, at a total annual salary that is no less than that observed previously for members with the same duties. The Employer shall begin with skilled and adequately fit candidates to successfully complete training and pass all required certification programs within four years following employment. The Employer's standards for the program shall include an exact curriculum of courses, a timetable for all candidates to complete and pass training in Fire Suppression and Advanced Life Support licensure, and known sanctions for a candidate's failure to perform to standards or to complete expected certifications

on time. Current and accurate records shall be kept by the Employer to track the performance of each candidate, with periodic performance reviews issued to the candidates to make known to the candidate the Employer's expectations. There shall be no exercises that may subject candidates to unreasonable risk. For the candidates in classes 07-01, 07-02, 08-01, 09-01, and future classes, ALS training shall be made available for candidates who request to be trained in ALS.

In the event that a sufficient number of ALS providers are not available to meet the staffing requirements of the Department after a reasonable period of time, the Department and the Union shall discuss other options. If the Department seeks to fill positions from existing classes it shall seek volunteers from classes 09-01, 08-01, etc. If the Department does not get a sufficient number of candidates after requesting volunteers, the Department will confer with the Union and draft the appropriate number of employees from classes 09-01 back to class 07-01. The parties shall jointly monitor implementation of these terms.

4. It is the Employer's right to adopt and modify the standards and practices for the training program, subject; however, to the provisions of ¶ B.3 of this Article, and with notice to the Union.

B. C. The Employer agrees to furnish the Union with the titles, classifications, rates of pay and job description of all employees in the unit upon request.

ARTICLE 3: CHECKOFF

A. The Employer agrees to deduct Union dues from the pay of any employee whom the Union is certified to represent and who authorizes such deductions in writing pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Employee Relations Ordinance, Baltimore City Code (2000~~9~~ as published by the Baltimore City Department of Legislative Reference), Article 12, Section 6-1. The dues deduction, as authorized, shall be updated on a quarterly basis to reflect adjustments from promotions and otherwise in an employee's total annual salary. The Employer shall transmit all such monies withheld to the Union within 7 days of said deduction.

B. The Employer agrees to supply the Union with a dues deduction computer printout on a quarterly basis throughout the term of this Memorandum. Said printout shall include each individual's name, address, location, annual salary and amount deducted per pay period. Said deductions and printout shall be without cost to the Union. In addition, the Employer agrees to supply the Union with employee change notices, i.e., cutoff, promotion, change of address, etc., as they occur, without cost to the Union.

C. Such authorization shall be continued from year to year unless revoked in writing 30 days prior to the employee's anniversary date.

D. The Employer shall deduct a service fee from the bi-weekly pay of any employee who the Union is certified to represent who is not a Union member and who has not authorized the City to deduct Union dues from his or her pay. The service fee shall be collected, without the need for a prior written authorization from the employee, pursuant to all applicable provisions of the Municipal Employees Relations Ordinance, as amended, Baltimore City Code (2009 as published by the Baltimore City Department of Legislative Reference) Article 12, Section 6-2. The service fee deduction shall be updated on a quarterly basis to reflect adjustments from promotions and otherwise, in an employee's total annual salary; and collection of the service fee shall be conditioned on compliance with Article 14, Section B of this Memorandum of Understanding. The Employer shall transmit all funds withheld to the Union within seven days of said deduction.

E. The Union shall indemnify and save the Employer harmless of any and all claims, grievances, actions, suits or other forms of liability or damages that arise out of or by reason of any action taken by the Employer for the purpose of complying with any of the provisions of this Section, and the Union assumes full responsibility for the disposition of the funds deducted under this Section as soon as they have been remitted by the City to the Union. Should the Employer fail to pay any sum that is a part of an employee's total annual compensation, the Employer shall deduct and withhold union dues from that sum whenever it is paid and it shall remit the sum withheld as union dues check-off.

ARTICLE 4: DISCRIMINATION

A. The provisions of this Memorandum shall be applied equally to all employees in the bargaining unit for which the Union is the certified representative without discrimination as to age, sex, marital status, race, creed, color, national origin, political affiliation, disability as defined in the Americans With Disabilities Act, or sexual orientation.

B. The Employer and the Union agree that they shall not interfere with employees in the exercise of their rights guaranteed under the Municipal Employee Relations Ordinance.

C. All reference to employees or members of this Agreement is intended to include both sexes, and wherever the male gender is used, it shall be construed to include male and female members as appropriate.

ARTICLE 5: MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

Subject to the provisions of this Memorandum, the Employer shall have all of the rights set forth in Baltimore City Charter (2006), Article VII, Sections 47, 48 (a) and (d), and Sections 51 (b) and (c); and Baltimore City Code (2009 as published by the Baltimore City Department of Legislative Reference), Article 12, Section 3-2, which provisions are incorporated herein by reference.

ARTICLE 6: GRIEVANCE AND ARBITRATION PROCEDURE

- a) Subject to any limitation of existing law, any grievance, defined in the Municipal Employee Relations Ordinance, Baltimore City Code (2009 as published by the Baltimore City Department of Legislative Reference), Article 12, Section 1-1(g), as a dispute concerning the application or interpretation of the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding or a claimed violation, misinterpretation or misapplication of the rules or regulations of the Employer affecting the terms and conditions of employment, may be settled in the following manner:

Step 1. Within 15 calendar days of the date of the grievance or knowledge by the affected employee of the occurrence giving rise to the grievance, the employee, accompanied by an authorized representative of the Union, shall orally discuss the grievance with his immediate officer. The aggrieved employee and representative shall attempt to resolve the complaint with all parties involved. In the event the grievance is not resolved at this level within 15 calendar days, the employee and his Union representative shall present the grievance in writing to the Senior Officer or House Captain. If the grievance is not resolved at this level within 15 calendar days, the Union Battalion representative shall present the grievance in writing to the Battalion Chief.

Step 2. If the grievance is not satisfactorily resolved within 15 calendar days of presentation to the Battalion Chief, the aggrieved employee shall forward the grievance in writing through a Union Vice President to the Deputy Chief. Within 7 calendar days of the presentation, the Deputy Chief shall hold a meeting with an appropriate Union Representative to discuss the grievance.

Step 3. If the grievance has not been satisfactorily resolved in Step 2, a written grievance may be taken to the Chief of ~~the~~ Fire Department or his designee within 15 days following the completion of Step 2. The Chief or his designee shall meet and discuss the grievance with an appropriate Union Official within 10 days of receipt of the grievance. A written answer to the grievance shall be submitted to the employee and an appropriate union official within 10 days thereafter. Should the Union not receive a written response within 10 days, it may advance the grievance to the next step. Any grievance concerning the specific action of Chief of Fire Department or any grievance which affects at least more than one employee may be commenced at Step 3.

Step 4 If the grievance has not been satisfactorily resolved at Step 3, the grievance may be taken to the Office of the Labor Commissioner of the City of Baltimore by the union president or his designee within 15 days following the completing of Step 3. Within 15 days of receipt of the grievance, the Labor Commissioner or his designee shall meet with the Union President or his designee and the aggrieved employee to discuss the grievance. The Labor Commissioner or his designee shall respond in writing to the President of the Union within 10 days, thereafter. Should the Union not receive a written response within 10 days, it may advance the grievance to the next step.

Following Step 4 proceedings at the level of the Office of the Labor Commissioner, there shall be a Step 4 Mediation, but, if and only, if, the Union, the Chief of Fire Department, and the Office of the Labor Commissioner agree in writing as the grievance pending to conduct Step 4 Mediation as a non-binding mediation that is chaired by a neutral party, whom the parties shall appoint either from the staff of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, or by alternately striking from a list of seven arbitrators who each are members of the National Academy of Arbitrators (Baltimore/Washington Area list) furnished to them by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. Any costs or fees associated with the mediation shall be shared equally, each side, however, to cover its own costs of counsel and presentation.

A Step 4 Mediation shall be conducted within sixty days after a mediation agreement is signed by the Union, the Chief of Fire Department and the Office of the Labor Commissioner. A grievance shall be settled through mediation only if a settlement agreement is signed by the Union, the Chief of Fire Department and the Office of the Labor Commissioner, and it is noted, if necessary, by the Baltimore City Board of Estimates.

b) Step 5.

Step 5 shall be binding arbitration, which shall be available if a grievance is not settled or withdrawn by prior action of the Union. Arbitration shall be demanded by a letter addressed, jointly, to the Chief of Fire Department and the Office of the Labor Commissioner. The Union's letter making a demand for arbitration shall be timely if it is delivered within thirty days after completion of Step 3, or Step 4 if that Step is conducted by agreement.

- a) The parties shall appoint an arbitrator to hear and decide all issues by alternately striking from a list of seven arbitrators who each are members of the (National Academy of Arbitrators Baltimore/Washington Area list) furnished to them by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. The first strike made to in selecting an arbitrator shall be alternated between the Union and the Employer from case to case.
- b) The Union is the only party that may demand arbitration on behalf of the bargaining unit, and/or any members of the bargaining unit. Any award issued by an arbitrator

shall be final and binding on the Union, the Mayor and City Council (and all constituent City agencies) and the employee(s) aggrieved. Should the Union decide not to proceed to arbitration, the employee(s) aggrieved shall likewise be bound by that decision.

- c) If the finding or resolution of a grievance at any step of the procedure is not appealed within the prescribed time, said grievance will be considered settled on the basis of the last answer provided, and there shall be no further appeal or review. Should the Employer not respond within the prescribed time, the grievance will proceed to the next step.
- d) The cost of any arbitration proceedings under this Agreement shall be equally divided between the Employer and the Union.
- e) In computing the time limits under this Article, the date of the preceding event shall be counted. Commencing at Step 3, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays shall not be counted in computing time limits. The time period for filing a grievance to contest any form of discipline shall not begin until the final administrative action has occurred within the Fire Department and the employee(s) affected have received written notice of such action.
- f) The rights of any employee who is discharged, reduced in pay or position, or suspended for more than 30 days shall be prescribed in Article 12 hereof. The employee shall also be entitled to all rights and remedies which are available to employees under Baltimore City Charter (2006), Article VII, Section 100, which are expressly reserved.
- g) Any employee who is disciplined, but as to whom a due process hearing is not available under Baltimore City Charter (2006), Article VII, Section 100, shall be permitted to grieve and/or arbitrate the discipline under this Article; provided, however, that any employee who is suspended for five or more days, but less than 31 days, shall also be permitted to arbitrate a grievance pursuant to this Article. The issue presented, which may be decided by an arbitrator, shall be whether, consistent with Baltimore City Code (2009 as published by the Department of Legislative Reference), Article 12, Section 3-2(3)(i), the discipline issued by the Employer was for just cause, and, if not, what shall be the remedy.
- h) The Employer shall print and maintain copies of grievance forms in all units.

ARTICLE 7: UNION STEWARDS & UNION REPRESENTATION

A. The Employer recognizes and shall deal with the appropriate accredited Union Steward in areas to be defined by the parties, and, where provided for in this Memorandum, the Union President and/or representative in all grievances filed under this Memorandum.

B. A written list of the Union Stewards and alternates shall be furnished to the Employer immediately after their designation and the Union shall notify the Employer promptly of any changes of such Union Stewards.

C. There shall be no more than 1 Union Steward and alternate in each area referred to in Section A, above.

D. After appropriate notice to his immediate superior, a Union Representative shall be granted reasonable time off during working hours with pay where he is engaged in processing a grievance under Article 6 of this Memorandum, except when granting such leave would adversely affect delivery of emergency services.

E. Nothing shall abridge the right of any duly authorized representative of the Union to present the view of the Union to the citizens on issues which affect the welfare of its members, or inhibit or hamper any employee's constitutional right of free speech.

F. The President of the Union shall be detailed to Fire Department headquarters for the duration of this Memorandum, and shall be granted reasonable leave with pay as may be required for the purpose of discharging his official duties as Union President.

G. Officers of the Union shall not be disciplined for conduct while acting in their official capacity as officers of the Union and shall have the right to file a grievance and arbitration procedure herein for any disciplinary action taken against them for conduct while acting in their official capacity as officers of the Union.

H. The Union shall be granted access as scheduled by the Fire Academy to address each Fire Academy class shortly before the class graduates. Sufficient time shall be given for the Union to review its contract, City employee programs, dues or service fee check-off procedures and similar matters with the class. The Union recognizes that the rights of "probationary" employees are defined in Baltimore City Code (2009 as published by the Baltimore City Department of Legislative Reference), Article 12, Section 1-1(d).

ARTICLE 8: HOURS OF WORK

A. The regularly scheduled hours of work for employees covered by this Memorandum of Understanding shall not exceed 42 per week. The present procedure of scheduling 10- and 14-hour shifts shall be maintained.

B.

1. The regularly scheduled workweek for all fire suppression and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel shall average approximately 42 hours per week, the aggregate of which shall be approximately 2190 hours annually.
2. Each employee's day of work shall be 10 hours on day shift and 14 hours on night shift. The basic order of shift rotation shall consist of two 10-hour day shifts followed by two 14-hour night shifts, followed by 4 days off work. Employees shall be scheduled to work in accordance with Addendum C-Work Schedule, attached hereto, which is intended to represent the schedule set forth herein. The Department shall continue to observe its current practices and procedures with regard to the start and end of shifts and shift relief.

C. Employees shall be permitted to exchange at any one time either 1 or 2 vacation choices or turns with employees in the same firehouse. Members may, with the permission of their respective Battalion Chiefs, make exchanges within their Battalions. Members may exchange vacation choices or turns within the Department with the permission of the Battalion Chiefs of the battalions involved. Responsibility for repayment of time or compensation in lieu of repayment of time rests exclusively with the 2 employees agreeing to the exchange of tours of duty. The Fire Department will undertake neither the enforcement nor repayment of the time nor compensation not paid as a result of the said agreement between the employees affected.

If there are enough qualified personnel to fulfill the requirements of a medical unit, it will be permissible for Medical Division personnel to: (1) swap vacation days department-wide with the permission of the Battalion Chief, Medical Division; and/or (2) exchange vacation choices or turns within the respective battalion in which the medical unit is assigned.

Further, employees in the Fire Fighters bargaining unit may exchange vacation opportunities with employees in the Fire Officers bargaining unit.

D. Employees may exchange work shifts provided no individual may work more than twenty-four consecutive hours except under emergency conditions. Employees who voluntarily swap tours of duty to work longer than their normal shift will not be eligible for meal allowance or overtime under Article 9 of this Memorandum. If the employee who voluntarily works an additional shift is held past that shift due to emergency operations, the employee shall be eligible for the provisions of Article 9. The Employer shall have the right to disapprove any swap of work dates that would invoke the provision of Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) overtime payment for public safety employees.

E. An employee shall be excused from duty upon proper relief within the two hour period prior to the end of his shift by his Unit Officer, or member acting as such, or earlier upon consent of the Company officer.

F. Before scheduling the work hours of any unit, the Employer shall notify the Union 30 days in advance, so that the parties may have opportunity to further discuss any change prior to implementation. The Chief of Fire Department shall have scheduling authority.

G. Employees acting as instructors at the Fire Academy shall work a 4-day, 40-hour week.

H. The sixteen (16) off shift exchanges (open-ended swaps) permitted between members shall expire in the event of a transfer to the same shift, or a separation from service for retirement, termination or resignation after a swap is made.

I.

1. The Employer shall compensate all apprentices and trainees for all hours of instruction, classroom training and preceptorship required by the Employer as hours of work, except for remedial work that is elected by the employee to successfully complete the training program.
2. The Employer shall provide an accounting to the Union of its practices in prior fiscal years, beginning with Apprentice Class 14, to the present, on or before September 1, 2008. Every member who successfully completed the requirements of the apprenticeship program is due 340 hours of compensatory time for that service; provided, however, to the extent that the member was partially trained while on off-hours and partially trained during compensated hours, that member shall be due a prorated amount of compensatory time. Those members who were required to complete initial ALS training on their days off or during other non-compensated hours, and such training was mandated by the Employer, and they were not previously paid or given compensatory hours, shall be due back pay for any mandated instructional hours not previously compensated with pay or with compensatory time.

ARTICLE 9: OVERTIME

A. All hours worked in excess of the regularly scheduled work day or in excess of the regularly scheduled work period shall be considered overtime and shall be paid for at the rate of one and one-half (1½) times the normal straight time rate of pay. In interpreting or applying the provisions of Article 9 of this Memorandum of

Understanding, no employee shall be any less entitled to receive overtime compensation than he or she would have been under the FY 85-86 Memorandum of Understanding between the parties, before the United States Supreme Court decision in Garcia v. San Antonio Mass Transit Administration, 469 U.S. 528, 105 S. Ct. 1005, 83 L. Ed. 2d 1016 (1985) and subsequent legislative amendments to the Fair Labor Standards Act.

B. The hourly overtime rate shall be paid after an employee has worked a minimum of 15 minutes.

C. Employees called in to work outside their regular shift shall be paid a minimum of 4 hours overtime at the rate of one and one-half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) times their normal rate. Any employee called in or required to work prior to or after his regular shift, but annexed consecutively to one end or another thereof, shall be paid at the rate of one and one-half times ($1\frac{1}{2}$) his regular rate of pay only for the time worked, but in no event less than one (1) hour, and the aforesaid four (4) hour minimum provision shall not apply. Nothing herein shall be construed to mean compounding of overtime. The Union shall be provided the names, companies and shifts of all employees called back within 3 days of the call back.

D. The Employer shall not vary or rearrange work schedules to avoid the payment of overtime.

E. Compensatory time shall be granted in lieu of overtime pay at the employee's request.

F. No employee will lose pay due to a shortening of the actual hours of work caused by the changing of clocks for the observance of Daylight Savings Time.

G. An employee whose actual hours of work are extended due to the changing of clocks for the return of Standard Time will be eligible for overtime pay for all work performed in excess of the regular work shift.

H. The Employer shall issue an MOP as annexed to this Memorandum of Understanding to apply current law to correctly implement the FLSA § 7(K) exemption to personnel who are assigned to the Emergency Medical Service Bureau of the Department. Any revisions to the MOP once adopted shall likewise be submitted to the Union for review and discussions. Publication and receipt of the MOP shall be verified following the procedures for Manual Releases set out in MOP 002.

I. Subject to the conditions agreed by side letter in negotiations in 2007, by agreement, the City Department of Human Resources (the "DHR") and the Civil Service Commission have the authority to amend the Classification Description for members

who hold either (i) a Basic Life Support Certification (BLS); (ii) Advanced Life Support (ALS) Certification as Cardiac Rescue Technician (CRT); (iii) Emergency Medical Technician-I (EMT-I), (iv) Emergency Medical Technician-P (EMT-P); or (v) Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD), to require those members to continue to maintain their current level of certification (either BLS, ALS or EMD) as a condition of employment. Members subject to the condition to continue ALS or EMD certification shall be required to recertify or renew their MIESS certification, as they may voluntarily elect, either (i) on their own and at their own expense, or (ii) through on-site programs organized and offered by the Baltimore City Fire Department. If an employee elects an on-site program, the employee may be required to report in uniform, all costs associated with that program, preparation and training, shall be paid by the Employer, and the employee shall be credited with one day of additional paid leave as vacation for each day spent in such training and preparation. The employees who are required to complete biennial ALS re-licensure shall have the option to choose to receive one of the following benefit options:

Option 1: Compensatory time credit: Employees who take training at the City's training facility shall receive compensatory time credit in an amount equal to 1.5 times the number of hours in each training course with the expectation that employees choosing this option shall have the ability to earn 108 compensatory hours for the two year re-licensure period ($72 \text{ con-ed hours} \times 1.5 = \text{comp hours}$). It is understood that a course which is scheduled for a set number of credit hours (e.g., six hours) shall be worth nine hours of comp time credit whether the course takes the full amount of time (e.g., six hours) or a shorter period of time (e.g., four hours). The City agrees to give employees some type of 'receipt' of proof of attendance upon completion of a given training course.

Option 2: Monetary Stipend: Employees who complete their re-licensure and present certification of same to the City may choose, instead, to receive a monetary stipend of \$2,700.00. Course may be taken at the City's facility or elsewhere. The City may require certain skills evaluations related to re-licensure be taken at the City's training center. Members subject to the condition to continue BLS certification shall be offered and complete such recertification within their regular work schedule through on-site programs organized and offered by the Baltimore City Fire Department. Those members who completed such programs, either BLS or ALS on their off time, after September 1, 2007, shall be credited with leave on a day for day basis.

ARTICLE 10: BULLETIN BOARDS

The Employer agrees to provide a bulletin board at least 36" x 48" labeled with the Union's name where notices of official Union matters may be posted by the Union. All Fire Department Bulletin Boards shall be used only for official notices of Union matters

and Fire Department documents. Only the Chief of the Department has the right to order the removal of any literature not in compliance with the foregoing.

ARTICLE 11: HEALTH AND WELFARE

A.

1. All existing health and welfare benefits shall remain in effect for the duration of this Agreement with no additional cost increases, co-pays and/or user fees, except as modified by Sections A.2 through A.5. of this Article or by Addendum A, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.
2. The Employer and Employee cost-sharing split for the CareFirst Blue Cross/Blue Shield plans shall be the Employer share 80%/employee share 20%.
3. The Employer and employee cost-sharing split for the Health Maintenance Organization ("HMO") plans shall be the Employer share 90% /employee share 10%.
4. Effective January 1, 2009, the Employer and employee cost-sharing split for the United Healthcare point-of-service plan shall be the Employer share 85%/employee share 15%.

Effective January 1, 2010, the Employer and employee cost-sharing split for the United HealthCare point-of-service plan shall be the Employer share 80%/employee share 20%.

5. For any new plan adopted, the Employer/employee cost-sharing split shall be 80% for the Employer and 20% for the employee for a preferred provider or point-of-service plan and 90% Employer and 10% employee for a HMO plan.

B.

For FY 2010 and 2011, the employees represented by the Union shall not receive any terms which are less favorable than those subsequently offered to any other bargaining unit (FOP, AFSCME, and CUB) with regard to health care benefits, including premiums and prescription drug coverage. Should any premium or co-payment be less, the employees covered by the Agreement shall pay only the lesser amount required of the other unit(s). For calendar years 2010 and 2011, should the Employer modify or change the PPN plan or provider, the benefits under any new plan shall be substantially the same as under the CareFirst Blue Cross/Blue Shield PPN Plan and as listed in Addendum A to this Agreement,

provided, also that the new plans(s) shall offer equal access to services as the current plan, either in or out of State.

C.

1. The Employer shall remit an annual payment of \$650 (which shall not be treated as a part of total annual salary) to be paid in bi-weekly installments to each employee who, with satisfactory proof of alternative Health Insurance coverage received in another plan, elects not to take any coverage under a City Health Care Plan. If, after waiving coverage under any City Health Care Plan, the employee loses coverage due to the death of a spouse or other person who is a source of coverage, divorce or loss of employment (or such other qualifying event as determined by the Employee Benefits Division), the employee may enroll in a City Health Care Plan and consequently relinquish the waiver payment. An employee must notify the City's Employee Benefits Division within 60 days after a qualifying event occurs in order to enroll in a City Health Care Plan. The Employer shall apportion the payment should an employee either enter or leave a City Health Care Plan within a calendar year.
2. No benefits shall be paid for pre-existing conditions, which are an injury sustained, or sickness for which an employee or dependent is treated or advised by a physician, within 6 months prior to the Effective Date of coverage for the employee. Benefits may be extended for pre-existing conditions after the employee has been enrolled in a City Health Care Plan for more than 6 consecutive months. Maternity and pregnancy are excluded from such pre-existing condition limitation.
3. An employee shall be entitled to a Hospital Bill Audit Gain sharing payment of 33 1/3% of an overpayment (or other billing error resulting in an overpayment to the health care provider), up to a maximum of \$3,000.00 to the employee for each incident. In order to qualify for the Gain sharing payment, the employee must: (i) identify an overpayment of more than \$250 (in the aggregate) in a hospital bill that is presented to an employee or his or her dependent; and (ii) notify the City's Employee Benefits Division of the error within 30 days after receipt of an Explanation of Benefits from the Health Plan. Payment shall be due and made only if the error is verified, and the amount overpaid actually is recovered to the City's benefit.
4. Employees may transfer between Employer-sponsored health programs during open enrollment periods without penalty or exclusion of benefits. Existing memberships may alter enrollment status (adding and removing eligible dependents) in accordance with Employee Benefits Division guidelines.

D. The following benefits, in conjunction with Resolutions of the Board of Estimates adopted July 1, 1970 and March 28, 1973, relating to death, accidental death and dismemberment, shall remain in effect as follows for the duration of this Memorandum:

1. The face amount of the death benefit shall be an amount equivalent to the deceased employee's total annual salary on the date of the employee's death plus \$1,500. In the event of the death or accidental death of an employee so covered, the amount of the benefit shall be paid to such beneficiary as the employee shall have, from time to time, specifically designated, or in the event there is no named beneficiary, then the amount shall be paid to his estate. In the event of the accidental death of such employee, such designated beneficiary or his estate shall receive double the said amount in indemnity benefits. The maximum amount provided for double dismemberment shall likewise be increased to an amount equivalent to the injured employee's total annual salary on the date of the employee's injury.
2. The additional accidental death benefit provided for in Paragraph (1) immediately above shall not apply to accidental death or dismemberment of an employee in line of duty.
3. The benefits and coverage provided for in Paragraph (1) above shall be converted upon retirement to a \$7,000 death benefit with double the same amount of indemnity benefits in the event of accidental death, payable to the designated beneficiary or his estate, as in Paragraph (1) above. The maximum amount provided for double dismemberment shall likewise be converted to \$7,000, with one-half (1/2) of said sum payable for a single dismemberment.
4. All retirees currently protected by the coverage described herein shall continue to receive same in the amount of \$7,000 with double indemnity and dismemberment benefits, as provided for in Paragraph (3) above.
5. Present retirees who are not covered under (3) or (4) above shall receive a death benefit with double the said amount in indemnity benefits in the event of accidental death, payable to the designated beneficiary, or his estate, as in Paragraph (1) above, in the amount of \$7,000.
6. The provisions of the aforesaid Resolutions of the Board of Estimates shall continue in full force and effect.

E. The City will provide continued health care coverage at active employees rates for benefit-eligible survivors (spouses and eligible dependents) of those members who

were enrolled in City health care plans and were killed in the line of duty at any time prior to or subsequent to January 1, 1995. If survivors or enrolled dependents become eligible for Medicare, they must enroll in the City retiree health care plan for coverage.

F. The Employer shall continue to assume 50% of the current retirees' Blue Cross/Blue Shield premiums, and it shall continue to assume 50% of the premiums for all members who retire after 20 or more years of credited service, or upon disability retirement from the Fire and Police Retirement System. The Employer may reduce its share of premiums for employees who retire after less than 20 years (other than on a disability retirement) as approved by the Board of Estimates.

The Employer shall not further reduce its share of retiree premium nor change the benefits plans available to retirees and dependents without prior notice to the Union. If requested, the Employer shall respond to Union inquiries through the Joint Health Care Committee.

G. The Employer shall provide a burial benefit for line-of-duty death up to a maximum of \$8,000 as an actual reimbursement for funeral expenses, including a memorial plaque.

H. Joint Health Care Committee

1. A joint committee, composed of 4 members named by the Employer and 4 members named by Local 734 and Local 964 jointly, shall be organized to examine the cost, delivery and management of health care benefits that are to be provided under the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding. The joint committee shall meet on a routine basis no less frequently than once each month.
2. The Union shall be entitled to request and receive data the member may find necessary to understand either the cost of any health care benefits that are to be provided under the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding, or the manner in which any of such benefits are delivered or administered. Such requests for information shall be honored within a reasonable time after they are delivered, and shall be available either on a City-wide or Unit-wide basis.

I Section 125 Plan

1. The Employer shall adopt and thereafter administer a fringe benefit program which qualifies under Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code (1954 as amended), with the effect that the amount of each employee's contribution, if

any, for health care coverage, prescription drug, dental and vision care shall be excluded from the employee's adjusted gross income.

2. To the extent permitted by federal tax laws, the Employer also shall make available to all unit employees on a before-tax basis those insurance products for which it generally permits payroll deduction. Such privilege shall also include any new insurance products that are of general application among City employees.

J. Optical plan benefits shall apply to current and future fire fighter retirees, widows and dependents. The plan shall include an eye exam every twenty-four (24) months and prescription glasses, if needed.

K. The Employer shall establish and make available to all employees a Flexible Spending Account to permit employees to voluntarily fund on a pre-tax basis expenses for dependent care, health expenses and co-pays.

ARTICLE 12: DISCIPLINE AND DISCHARGE

A. Any employee who is discharged, reduced in pay or position, or suspended for more than thirty (30) days may contest the action either (i) by lodging an appeal with the Civil Service Commission under the official rules of the Commission; or (ii) by filing a grievance on the form that is referred to in Article 6, Paragraph H. of this Memorandum. The employee's choice of which procedure to use to contest the action shall be binding, and the employee may not subsequently choose to follow a different procedure. If the employee elects to file a grievance, it shall be filed initially at Step 4 of the Grievance Procedure in Article 6, Paragraph A. of this Memorandum, and it shall subsequently be processed by the Union through that grievance and arbitration procedure. The union may advance the employee's grievance to arbitration if, in its discretion, the Union finds arbitration to be appropriate and the employee shall be bound by the Union's decision whether or not to arbitrate. The issue presented, which may be decided by an arbitrator, shall be whether, consistent with Baltimore City Code (2009 as published by the Baltimore City Department of Legislative Reference), Article 12, Section 3-2(3)(i), the discipline issued by the Employer was for just cause, and, if not, what shall be the remedy. The Arbitrator's decision shall be final and binding on the City, the Union and on the employee(s) affected.

B. Any employee who, as discipline, is suspended for five (5) or more days, but less than thirty-one (31) days, shall be permitted to grieve such discipline by filing a grievance on the form that is referred to in Article 6, Paragraph H., of this Memorandum. If the employee elects to file a grievance, it shall be filed initially at Step 3 of the Grievance Procedure in Article 6, Paragraph A. of this Memorandum, and it shall subsequently be processed by the Union through that grievance and arbitration

procedure. The Union may advance the employee's grievance to arbitration if, in its discretion, the Union finds arbitration to be appropriate. The issue presented, which may be decided by an arbitrator, shall be whether, consistent with Baltimore City Code (2009 as published by the Baltimore City Department of Legislative Reference), Article 12, Section 3-2(3)(i), the discipline issued by the Employer was for just cause, and, if not, what shall be the remedy.

C. An employee who is charged with a disciplinary infraction shall be entitled to a due process hearing before the appropriate level Referral Officer before such Officer shall recommend any disciplinary adjudication of the charge. The Referral Officer's recommended adjudication of a charge shall not be altered or modified to result in an increased penalty before the final adjudication without a rehearing of the charge at the Review Officer or Administrative Hearing Officer level. When an employee is to appear before the Administrative Hearing Officer for a suspension, the hearing is to be conducted within twenty-nine (29) calendar days of the referral except when the employee is unavailable. Final adjudication of the charges shall be as prescribed and approved by the Chief of the Fire Department. The employee shall have the right to grieve to challenge discipline, but the filing of a grievance shall not relieve the penalty prescribed. The Employer shall not drop or suspend health insurance and pension coverage, or its contribution to the cost of such coverage, for any employee who is suspended without pay for thirty (30) days or less. The Employer shall permit an employee who is suspended without pay for thirty (30) days or less to use accrued leave days to the extent necessary to maintain and pay the employee cost of health insurance premium and pension coverage during the period of the employee suspension.

D. Employees of the Department shall be entitled to Union Representation at any disciplinary proceeding, or investigation.

E. If the Department has reason to reprimand an employee, it shall be done in a place and manner that is appropriate to the circumstance and not abusive.

F. The Employer shall begin all disciplinary investigations, when it deems such investigations necessary, no later than fifteen (15) days after it acquires knowledge of the misconduct or event for which disciplinary action is proposed. The employee shall be notified when an investigation is begun. The employee shall be notified when disciplinary action (charges) are to be undertaken, so said employee may obtain, consult and have present, proper Union representation during discharge of discipline, except when being charged under MOP 336 Drug and Alcohol Policy.

1. An employee shall be given ample time and opportunity to request and contact an appropriate union representative to attend an investigatory interview.

2. Before an administrative hearing, trial board, or grievance hearing is convened, employees placed on charges after the completion of an investigation shall be entitled to copies of the charges, any special reports and all other relevant documents not privileged (as attorney-client communications, attorney work product or deliberative work product) collected or created by the Department during the investigation.

G. All other penalties and punishments, including suspension for 30 days or less, shall be as prescribed by the Chief of Fire Department subject to the right of the employee to grieve that action, as set forth in Article 12, Paragraph B, above. Persons suspended under this Section who are later cleared of all charges by the Chief of Fire Department shall be reinstated with full back pay.

H. Twenty-four hours continuous duty shall not be used as a form of discipline or punishment.

I. In discipline and discharge cases, the Employer shall take into account prior cases with similar circumstances before administering punishment.

J. During the pendency of a charge against an employee, any additional charge shall require an additional hearing.

K. Any employee who is to appear before the Administrative Hearing Officer as the subject of a disciplinary or discharge hearing may request that the hearing or portions of the hearing be held in executive session.

L. Any employee of the Fire Department who is subjected to a suspension of thirty (30) days or less may at his/her discretion forfeit a like number of days from his/her vacation bank in lieu of the suspension; provided, however, that at no time may the Employer require any employee to forfeit vacation time as discipline. The choice to use vacation time instead of serving a suspension, without pay, shall be made solely by the employee affected. The Fire Department shall advise the Union when an employee who is subjected to a suspension elects, instead, to forfeit vacation time.

M. An employee's opportunity to receive call backs shall not be withheld while a suspension is pending, but not yet served.

N. The Employer shall continue MOP 336 in effect and it shall follow all terms of the MOP relating to preconditions to testing, aftercare and confidentiality. In all cases involving Motor Vehicle Accidents, only the Driver and/or Tillerman shall be tested as the driver/operator under MOP 336-2 (Post Accident Testing). Other personnel may be tested, but only upon sufficient cause to satisfy MOP 336-1 (Reasonable Suspicion Procedure).

O. The Employer shall issue an MOP that states: "All Union employees of the Department shall be entitled to request a Union representative to attend any interview, investigation, hearing or other proceeding that may result in discipline."

P. Should an investigatory interview be audio or video recorded, the Union and the Employer shall each be given a copy of the same recording.

ARTICLE 13: SALARIES

A.

Wages

FY 2010 and 2011

1. For Fiscal Years (FY) 2010 and 2011, the 2009 wage scales shall remain in effect with the understanding that employees shall be eligible for step and longevity increases.

2.. In the event that the City by virtue of collective bargaining for a Memorandum of Understanding for Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011 (except as a result of any binding arbitration required for the Baltimore City Police by legislation or charter amendment) grants an increase in wages, salaries, benefits or any component of total annual salary for any portion of Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011 to any employees in Unit I of the Fraternal Order of Police, and the total value of that increase exceeds the total value of the increase in wages, salaries, benefits and any other component of total annual salary given to any employee in the Union's bargaining unit for the same portion of Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011, the Employer agrees to grant an equivalent additional increase beginning in the same portion of Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011 to all employees in the Union's bargaining unit.

B.

1. Between July 1, 1994 and June 30, 2001, the Employer and the Union have in each fiscal year, by agreement, included in their Memorandum of Understanding a clause known as the "parity" clause which clause provided as follows:

In the event that the City by virtue of collective bargaining for a Memorandum of Understanding for Fiscal Year 2001, except as a result of any binding arbitration required for the Baltimore City Police by legislation or charter amendment, grants an increase in wages, salaries, benefits or any component of total annual salary for Fiscal Year 2001 to Unit I of the Fraternal Order of Police, and the total value of that increase

exceeds the total value of the increase in wages, salaries, benefits and any other component of total annual salary given to the Union's bargaining unit for Fiscal Year 2001 the Employer agrees to grant an equivalent additional increase in Fiscal Year 2001 to all employees in the Union's bargaining unit. This parity provision is further limited by the Arbitrated Settlement for Fiscal Year 2000 Memorandum of Understanding, and it also is limited, to the extent they are carried forward as amended by the Settlement Agreement for the Year 2000, by the prior Settlement Agreements for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999 which prior agreements are Addendum "D" and Addendum "E" to this Memorandum of Understanding.

2. In bargaining for a Memorandum of Understanding for Fiscal Year 2002 the Employer and the Union considered the value of benefits, hours of work, work assignments, etc., as between respective Fire and Police bargaining units. By mutual consent, they agree that these values were considered, and, as a consequence, there shall be no Article 13.B. "parity" clause for Fiscal Years 2002 and 2003. In reaching their present agreement for Fiscal Years 2002 and 2003, neither the Employer or the Union waive the right to bargain over parity in future fiscal years.
3. The Employer shall not appeal the judgment and/or mandate of the Court of Special Appeals in Mayor and City Council of Baltimore v. Baltimore City Firefighters, Local 734 and Baltimore Fire Officers Local 964, No. 0181, September Term, 2000, nor shall the Employer file a petition for a writ of further review of the "parity" and "promotion" issues on appeal; thus to end the litigation between the Employer and the Union.
4. When the total annual salary for Fiscal Year 2002 for each employee who is covered by this Agreement is determined, the added three and one-half percent (3.5%) increase that is due under Art. 13, Sec. A.1. shall be computed only after the total annual salary for Fiscal Year 2001 is first adjusted to reflect the added 4% wage increase that should have been applied but was not in Fiscal Year 2001 under Art. 13, Sec. B. of the Memorandum of Understanding for that year.
5. On or before September 18, 2001, the back wages of each employee who was covered by the predecessor Agreement to this Agreement, the Memorandum of Understanding for Fiscal Year 2001 (under Art. 13, Sec. B. of that Memorandum of Understanding for Fiscal Year 2001), shall be paid in a lump sum. This shall include all employees on the payroll during FY 2001 who have retired or who have separated from employment for any other reason. The back wages due shall be computed by multiplying

the employee's total wage earnings (from all sources, including overtime earnings, etc.) for Fiscal Year 2001, from July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001, by a factor of 4.0%, the product of which shall be the amount owed. If any wages that are due as of July 1, 2001 are unpaid as of September 18, 2001, then the Employer shall pay to each employee interest at the prime rate published for the Baltimore Metropolitan area on all such sums due but not paid, with interest payable on sums unpaid beginning July 1, 2000. The Employer shall meet with the Union, and it shall provide all information needed by the Union, to enable the Union to timely audit the Employer's compliance with its obligations under this Article.

6. For purposes of wage and service credit under the Fire and Police Retirement System, the total annual salary of each employee shall be adjusted retroactively to July 1, 2000, to reflect the additional 4.0% wage increase due to each employee (past and present) who was covered under Art. 13, Sec. B. of the Memorandum of Understanding for Fiscal Year 2001.

C. Effective July 1, 1990, Emergency Dispatchers who are assigned to work in the Fire Communications Bureau shall be added to Addendum B to this Memorandum of Understanding as Grade 314. Such Emergency Dispatchers shall receive all terms and conditions of employment which are established under this Memorandum of Understanding on the same basis as all other bargaining unit employees.

D. The wage increase for all employees classified as Emergency Vehicle Drivers and Pump Operators shall be the sum of the amounts scheduled as the wage increase for Fire Fighters (Grade 334) plus an additional amount as an adjustment for each of the 2 job classifications. The total annual salary for all Emergency Vehicle Drivers and Pump Operators shall include that adjustment. The amounts are reflected in the wage figures displayed in Addendum B.

E.

1. The parties intend to maintain a relationship in salary structure between an Experienced Level Fire Fighter with no longevity and an Experienced Level First Line Supervisor with no longevity. Likewise, adjustments have been made in order to maintain a similar salary structure relationship in grade between an Experienced Level Fire Fighter with no longevity and all other classifications and ranks within Local 734's bargaining unit. The amounts are reflected in the wage figures displayed in Addendum B.
2. Effective January 1, 1991, the parties shall maintain the relationship in salary structure between a Maximum Level Fire Fighter with no longevity and a Maximum Level First Line Fire Supervisor with no longevity.

Likewise, adjustments have been made in order to maintain a similar salary structure relationship in grade between a Maximum Level Fire Fighter, with no longevity, and all other classification and ranks within Local 734's bargaining unit. The amounts are reflected in the wage figures displayed in Addendum B to this Memorandum of Understanding.

F. Paramedics and Cardiac Rescue Technicians shall continue to be paid an annual workload adjustment. The workload adjustment shall be considered part of total annual salary. The amounts are reflected in the wage figures displayed in Addendum B. Personnel classified as Fire Fighter/Paramedic shall, effective July 1, 2001, be paid an additional sum of \$500.00 to recognize the State certification that they are obligated to maintain to serve in an ALS capacity. The additional sum of \$500.00 shall be made part of the employee's total annual salary.

G. All remuneration due to or elected by an employee shall be based on the date on which the employee's anniversary or promotion date falls within the pay period. In the event that the employee's anniversary or promotion date falls within the first half of the pay period, the employee shall receive the payment for the entire pay period. If the anniversary or promotion date falls within the second half of the pay period, the payment shall be made as of the next succeeding pay period.

H. Whenever the term "adjustment" or "adjustment to base salary" is used in this Memorandum of Understanding, the amounts involved shall be components of an employee's total annual salary in order to compute biweekly, hourly, daily, overtime and acting out-of-title rates of pay, as well as longevity and pension benefits and other salary-related benefits. The Employer shall implement all adjustments to wages and all adjustments to base salary within the payroll period of the effective date of the adjustment that is provided for in this Memorandum if the effective date falls within the first half of the payroll period. Such adjustments to wages and base salary that fall within the second half of the payroll period shall be implemented within the next pay period.

I. In order to compute the hourly rate for a fire suppression or other Group System employee working on a 42-hour schedule, the employee's total annual salary shall be divided by 2,190.

J. In order to compute the hourly wage rate for any other employees of the Department working a 40-or 42-hour schedule, the employee's total annual salary shall be divided by 2,080.

K. The Employer shall implement all adjustments to wages and all adjustments to base salary of an employee on the first day of the payroll period, if the effective date of such adjustment falls within the first half of the payroll period. The Employer shall

implement all adjustments and all adjustments to base salary of an employee on the first day of the next payroll period following the effective date, if the effective date of the adjustment falls within the second half of the payroll period. Payment of the adjustment(s) (e.g, promotions, longevity, step/level adjustments, transfers), but excluding reclassifications by DHR and disputed pay issues, shall be made on the pay date for the corresponding payroll period.

If the Employer is aware of a delay or error in its implementation or payment of any adjustments, it shall timely notify the employee(s) affected, and the Union. If the Employer shall fail to pay an adjustment to wages and/or and adjustment to base salary within sixty days after the effective date of the adjustment that is due, the failure to pay may be grieved, and if the grievance is advanced to arbitration, the Union may request that interest be awarded on the unpaid balance until the sums due to the employee are paid in full.

ARTICLE 14: UNION SECURITY

A. All employees covered by this Memorandum of Understanding (i) who are employed after July 1, 1976 and elect not to join or remain members of the Union, or (ii) who were employed prior to July 1, 1976 and had previously executed membership or dues authorization cards as members of said Union, but hereafter elect to terminate such membership and/or revoke said dues authorization cards, shall, as a condition of continued employment, following their established probationary period, pay a service fee to the Union in an amount not to exceed the then current Union dues in order to defray the costs incurred by the said Union in the negotiation, administration and implementation of the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding, and all modifications and amendments thereto, including related proceedings before an impasse panel or arbitrators; in the processing of grievances; in the conduct of disciplinary proceedings and in the appeal thereof; in the protection and improvement of Civil Service rights; and in any and all other proceedings and matters for which the Union is the employees' exclusive representative as a result of its certification.

B. Should the Union desire to implement the collection of a representation fee as permitted under the Municipal Employee Relations Ordinance, the Union then must first follow the rules announced for such procedure by the Supreme Court in Chicago Teachers Union v. Hudson, 475 U.S. 292, 106 S. Ct. 1066, 89 L. Ed. 2d 232 (1986). The Union agrees to develop an appropriate procedure for protecting the constitutional rights of all agency fee payers. The Union may charge for all constitutionally permitted expenses including, but not limited to, those expenses incurred in contract negotiations, grievance handling, lobbying on fire service, pension-related, Civil Service and other matters, discipline and dismissal hearings, arbitration and all other expenses either directly or indirectly related to those statutory functions as a collective bargaining representative.

ARTICLE 15: SAFETY AND HEALTH

A. General Principles

The Employer and the Union shall cooperate in the enforcement of safety. Should an employee feel that his work requires him to be in unsafe or unhealthy situations, the matter shall be considered immediately by the Employer. If the matter is not adjusted satisfactorily, it may become the subject of a grievance and will be processed according to the Grievance Procedure.

B. Protective Clothing and Equipment

1. The Employer shall furnish and thereafter maintain at no cost to any employee all respiratory apparatus, gloves, helmets, boots, protective clothing and other protective equipment that are necessary to preserve and protect the safety and health of fire fighters. Protective clothing and equipment shall meet or may exceed Federal OSHA Fire Brigade Standard (CFR 1910.56). In addition, the Employer shall specify the following or better:
 - a) All turnout coats and gloves shall have a lining of Gore-Tex (T/M) or other comparable material.
 - b) All turnout coats shall have an outer shell constructed from Pbi (T/M) (polybenzimidazole) or other comparable material.
 - c) Issue of protective clothing stipulated in Paragraphs (a) and (b) shall be on a replacement basis where it does not conflict with any existing or future local, state or federal statute.
 - d) The Employer agrees to maintain sufficient reserves of protective clothes, equipment and station uniforms so that replacement is accomplished on or before 30 days from the date such item is condemned by the Employer.
 - e) At the employee's request, the Employer shall arrange for air mask eyeglass kits at cost to those employees that are required to use self-contained breathing apparatus.
 - f) The Employer shall provide each 1st line apparatus and ready reserve within the Fire Department with appropriate operable flashlights for all positions assigned to the unit.

2. Only personnel adequately trained shall be permitted to perform maintenance and/or repair on self-contained breathing apparatus, except for routine maintenance presently being performed by Department personnel that does not require such certification.
3. On a replacement basis, the Employer shall provide and, thereafter, shall, at no cost to any employee, maintain station uniforms that meet non-flammability criteria that are currently accepted in the industry, which shall be 100% cotton or better, unless the parties mutually agree in writing to a modification thereto.

C. Joint Labor/Management Safety and Health Committee

There shall be a Joint Safety and Health Committee composed of an equal number of Employer and Union representatives. The Union representatives shall be selected by the Union, and two members from each local of the Committee will be provided released time to attend pre-scheduled, bi-monthly meetings of the Joint Committee. Reports involving injuries to Local 734, I.A.F.F. members, while working, shall be provided to the Union at each regularly scheduled Committee meeting. The Joint Committee shall make written recommendations for the correction of hazardous conditions or unsafe work methods. Union members of the Joint Committee shall be released from their work obligations in order to attend pre-scheduled Committee meetings, except when granting of such leave would adversely affect delivery of emergency services.

D. Employee Medical Treatment

When a Fire Department physician is not on duty in the Fire Department Infirmary, all employees who are injured or who become ill and who require medical treatment shall be transported (pursuant to E.M.S. protocol) to the nearest appropriate hospital.

E. Hearing Conservation

The Department and the Union shall work to develop a hearing conservation program for the benefit of all members of the service. Discussions about such a program shall be conducted in meetings of the Joint Labor/Management Safety and Health Committee. The purpose of the discussions shall be to develop criteria to identify work-related hazards and measures to abate or eliminate any such hazards. Another objective of the program shall be to develop a protocol intended to educate members of the Department about work-related hearing problems.

F. Stress Counseling

1. The Department shall adopt the MIEMS protocol (Critical Incident Stress Development Program) to deal with employees' stress resulting from critical incidents and work-related fatalities. The Department shall discuss its understanding of the MIEMS protocol and steps necessary to abate work-related stress in the regular meetings of the Joint Labor/Management Safety and Health Committee. Any procedures adopted shall be shared with the Committee before implementation.
2. Using the Joint Labor/Management Safety and Health Committee, the Department shall explore means to deliver psychological counseling to deal with stress resulting from fire and emergency service on an employee-by-employee basis outside of the City's generally available Employee Assistance Program.

G. The Employer shall notify the Union at least 30 days in advance of the implementation of any decision to permanently close a unit of the Fire Department.

H. The Department and the Unions shall continue to jointly establish a fitness and wellness program as recommended by the Joint Labor/Management Safety and Health Committee.

I. The Employer will consider union manufacturers when purchasing uniforms and protective equipment.

J. Mercy PSI

1. The Employer shall continue to have authority to direct employees for a medical evaluation. When an employee is directed by the City to report to Mercy Health Services ("Mercy") for an evaluation, the Department shall disclose to the employee in writing the reason(s) for the evaluation, and the Employer shall require Mercy to correctly disclose the scope and terms of its professional engagement to the employee.
2. No employee shall be required, as a condition of employment, to authorize Mercy to assume the capacity of that employee's treating physician or treating medical care provider.
3. No employee shall be required to consent to a medical procedure or test that is inconsistent with generally accepted medical principles, or which, otherwise, is not medically indicated.

4. The Employer shall, at all times, honor, and require Mercy to honor its employees' confidentiality and privacy rights with regard to medical information and care.

K. Management of Injuries and Illnesses

1. The Employer shall have the right to send an employee to a designated physician for an evaluation of an injury, illness or disability sustained within the course of and within the scope of employment for the Department (an occupational injury) and the Employer shall follow the physician's direction regarding the employee's time and manner of return to work.
2. Notwithstanding Paragraph J., immediately above, should an employee consult with his/her own physician in connection with an occupational injury, and should that physician conclude that due to an occupational injury the employee should be placed off from work or that the employee's duties at work must be limited, that physician's recommendations shall be honored by the Employer unless it is unreasonable. The physician's orders that are to be followed shall include all warnings and contraindications about the safe use of medications prescribed by the attending physician.
3. Where there is a dispute or conflict between the Employer's evaluating physician and the employee's treating or attending physician, the dispute shall be resolved in the following manner: the Employer and the employee shall accept the recommendations of the employee's physician for seven (7) work days, during which the physicians are to consult and attempt to resolve differences as to management of the employee's occupational injury. Should the physicians be unable to agree, then representatives of the Employer and the union shall attempt to resolve the dispute or disagreement as to the employee's assignment.
4. Nothing in this section shall in any way alter the rights and provisions of the states workers' compensation laws.

ARTICLE 16: SAVINGS CLAUSE

All privileges, benefits and rights presently enjoyed by employees covered by this Memorandum which are not specifically provided for or abridged in this Memorandum, such as, but not limited to, holidays, uniforms, equipment, etc., are hereby included in and protected by this Memorandum.

ARTICLE 17: NO STRIKE OR LOCKOUT

A. The Union and its members, individually and collectively, agree that during the term of this Memorandum of Understanding there shall be no strikes, slow-ups, or stoppage of work, and the City agrees that there shall be no lockout.

B. In the event of an unauthorized strike, slow-up or stoppage, the City agrees that there will be no liability on the part of the Union, provided the Union promptly and publicly disavows such unauthorized strike, orders the employees to return to work and attempts to bring about a prompt resumption of normal operations, and provided further that the Union notifies the City, in writing, within 48 hours after the commencement of such strike, what measures it has taken to comply with the provisions of this Article.

C. In the event that such action by the Union has not effected resumption of normal work practices, the City shall have the right to discipline, by way of discharge or otherwise, any member of the Union who participates in such strike, slow-up or stoppage, and no such disciplinary action shall be subject to the grievance procedure provided for in this Memorandum of Understanding.

ARTICLE 18: MEAL ALLOWANCE

An employee required to work 3 or more hours immediately preceding a normal full-time work shift or immediately following the completion of a normal full-time work shift shall receive a meal allowance of \$5.

ARTICLE 19: CLASSIFICATION OF EMPLOYEES

A. The Employer agrees that in the event of a recommended change in the classification of a position in the Baltimore City Fire Department, it will notify the Union at least fifteen (15) days before it delivers the submission of the recommended change to either the Civil Service Commission or the Department of Human Resources.

B. Whenever the Employer plans to create a new job classification or to re-write an existing classification, the Employer shall first meet with the Union about the intended changes and its anticipated effect on the compensation and employment opportunity of employees who are covered by this Agreement.

C. Effective July 1, 2008, the Employer shall have the authority to require a criminal background check as a condition upon acceptance of a promotion within the bargaining unit. A "criminal background check" shall mean only that the Employer (or its agents) may inquire about any past criminal convictions currently on an employee's record. The Employer may not use a criminal conviction previously disclosed as sufficient reason to

deny an employee a promotion, Should a background check result in the disclosure of a misdemeanor conviction, that conviction shall not in itself, be sufficient reason to deny a promotion, but the employee may be disciplined for failure to report, and, if for just cause, for the underlying offense. An authorization for a criminal background check shall not be continuing, but, instead, it shall be a condition of promotion and expire by its terms within ninety (90) days after it is given by an employee to the Employer.

The Employer shall consult with the Union about the contents of the form to be used to authorize a criminal background check before it is adopted for use.

ARTICLE 20: LONGEVITY

A. The following longevity rules shall apply:

1. Each employee who is covered by this Memorandum and who has attained 5 years of creditable City service shall receive a longevity increment in the amount of 1.0% of the total annual salary at the Maximum Level of an employee's classification.
2. Each employee who is covered by this Memorandum and who has attained 10 years of creditable City service shall receive an additional longevity increment in the amount of 3.5% of the total annual salary at the Maximum Level of an employee's classification.
3. Each employee who is covered by this Memorandum and who has attained 15 years of creditable City service shall receive an additional longevity increment in the amount of 3.5% of the total annual salary at the Maximum Level of an employee's classification.
4. Each employee who is covered by this Memorandum and who has attained 20 years of creditable City service shall receive an additional longevity increment in the amount of 4% of the total annual salary at the Maximum Level of an employee's classification.
5. Each employee who is covered by this Memorandum and who has attained 25 years of creditable City service shall receive an additional longevity increment in the amount of 4% of the total annual salary at the Maximum Level of an employee's classification.
6. Rules of application remain the same; each new longevity step will be implemented as a member attains required creditable city service.

B. The term "total annual salary" when used in this Article shall have the meaning

given to it in Article 13 of the Memorandum of Understanding.

ARTICLE 21: ACTING OUT-OF-TITLE

A. Any employee covered by this Memorandum who is acting out-of-title shall, in addition to his total annual salary, receive the difference between the total annual salary of the Maximum Level of the acting class and the total annual salary of the Maximum Level of the employee's class. The term "total annual salary" when used in this Article shall have the meaning given to it in Article 13 of this Memorandum.

B. Effective January 1, 2010, the Maximum Level pay rates that are to be used in computing the premium wage for acting out-of-title shall be the wage rates that were in effect on July 1, 2009, as adjusted.

C. An up-to-date and accurate bulletin containing the sanctioned acting out-of-title pay scale for calendar year 2010 shall be supplied to stations in print and distributed on or before December 1, 2009.

D. The new acting out-of-title rate shall take effect on the first day of the payroll period in which January 1st falls.

E. Any employee who acts out-of-title on overtime or call-back time shall be paid at the acting rate for the overtime or call-back period.

ARTICLE 22: TRANSPORTATION

A. The Department shall develop and implement a plan to provide at its expense and risk, transportation to and from the fire ground for all employees who are covered by this Agreement. Whenever an employee on duty is required to use his personal automobile for the purpose of transportation to and from fire grounds or for other required departmental business, he shall be paid the sum of \$5 for such use; provided however that an employee shall not be compensated for use of his personal automobile to and from his home to the firehouse or where his personal automobile is used for his convenience.

B. Employees shall not be ordered to use their personal vehicles for Fire Department business, nor shall they be ordered to use or enter any personal vehicle of any other person for Fire Department business.

ARTICLE 23: SENIORITY, CALL BACK, LAYOFF AND RECALL

A. A roster of all members of the bargaining unit shall be compiled and maintained by the Personnel Administrator showing each member of the Fire Department in the order of his length of service with the Fire Department. Company rosters shall be maintained.

B. Employees called back to duty shall be so called on the basis of company seniority within the appropriate rank, whenever feasible. The officer in charge of field operations shall have full authority and discretion to select companies for emergency call back.

C.

1. The Employer shall notify the Union of the need to reduce the number of employees who are on payroll within the bargaining unit at least 30 days before the effective date of a layoff. Such notice shall be given in writing addressed to the Union by certified mail. The notice shall disclose the number of positions affected, the rank or classification of each position so affected, and the unit or units, if any, which are to be disbanded. Immediately after issuing the notice, the Employer shall give the Union a reasonable period of time, of no less than 15 days, within which it shall meet and confer with the Union to discuss such an action. The Employer shall respond to any proposals which the Union may make in response to the subject matter of the notice.
2. Each employee who is to be reduced in rank or laid off as a consequence of a reduction in force or the disbandment of any unit shall be given written notice, at least 21 days before such action is to occur, of the date, purpose and nature of the action that is to be taken with regard to him or her. The notice also shall reasonably state the reasons for the action, and any rights which the employee may have under the Administrative Manual and Department of Personnel Rules or this Memorandum with regard to his or her employment. A copy of the notice also shall be timely delivered to the Union.
3. All reductions in force shall be established by seniority in the Department. Departmental seniority shall be established from the date that the employee was hired into the Fire Department. Seniority in rank or classification shall be established from the date that the employee was promoted into the rank or classification that he or she currently occupies.

In the event of a tie in seniority, the tie shall be broken on the basis of the Fire Academy final standing or score upon graduation from the Fire Academy.

There shall be no preference granted for subjective evaluation of performance, skill or ability when determining who to reduce from rank to rank, or who to lay off.

4. For the purpose of determining either seniority in rank or departmental seniority, the following additional rules also shall apply for layoffs and reductions in rank within the Fire Department. First, should an employee who formerly was employed by the Fire Department return to the service of the Department after a break in service due to an injury or illness causing disability, all time which intervened shall be counted in the employee's favor as if the employee lost no time away from work. Second, should an employee return to the Department after having resigned from the City service or voluntarily transferred from the Fire Department service for more than 6 months, his or her seniority shall begin anew; if less than 6 months, then the employee shall regain previous service time.
5. In the event a reduction in force is necessary, the reduction shall proceed in the following order:
 - a) Employees shall be laid off in reverse order of departmental seniority; the most junior employees within the Department shall be laid off first, without regard to rank or classification.
 - b) In the event that a reduction in force results in the need for a redistribution of employees from superior ranks to lesser ranks, such reductions in rank shall be accomplished by reducing in rank those employees with the least tenure in the affected rank, counting from the employee's date of promotion.
 - c) An employee who is laid off shall be paid for all accrued but unused leave time, including vacation, holiday and retirement leave (employee must be eligible for service retirement), based on the employee's total annual salary as of the date of separation.
 - d) All employees who are reduced in rank or laid off shall not suffer any loss in benefit or entitlement accrued prior to the date of the action, e.g., holidays, vacation, personal leave, pension, and overtime, earned, accumulated and unused at the time of reduction in rank or layoff.
 - e) Each junior employee who is bumped out of rank or classification shall, in turn, be reduced only one rank, to the rank or the

classification immediately junior. This shall not pertain to layoffs, which shall be consistent with Departmental seniority rights.

6. Any employee who is reduced in rank and involuntarily transferred into a new unit shall be entitled to acting out-of-title compensation based on the employee's acting certification. Any employee who at first received acting certification in rank and then was promoted, upon return to that rank or classification after demotion, shall retain his or her original acting certification and approval date, and shall enjoy the right to exercise the same.
7. If the current salary is the same as or greater than the maximum of the lower grade, the employee shall receive the maximum salary for the lower grade. If the current salary is less than the maximum of the lower grade, the employee shall receive the closest salary rate of the lower grade.
8. The Department of Human Resources shall prepare and maintain a list, known as a "Reemployment List", of all persons who are reduced in rank or laid off, by rank or classification. In the event that vacancies occur within the Department while persons remain on the Reemployment List, the order of recall shall be determined by reference to the Reemployment List. The Reemployment List(s) shall remain in effect for 24 months after the date of a layoff (unless extended by the Department of Human Resources) and shall be used to offer employment opportunities that may become available by seniority to all persons who have been reduced or laid off, before any employees are promoted from one rank to another or any persons are hired or transferred (from other City agencies) to become new employees of the Fire Department. No person may be hired, nor may any person be transferred from another City agency, while any person in that rank or classification remains in a reduced rank or on the Reemployment List. Any persons who are returned to their former positions shall be placed in the pay grade of their former rank, restored to the level of total annual compensation that they would currently receive had they not been reduced in rank or placed on the Reemployment List. The employee shall receive no credit for longevity while on layoff.
9. Notice of recall to the employee's former position shall be given to the employee in writing at his or her last known post office address, it being the employee's obligation to notify the Personnel Administrator, or other designated agent of the Fire Department, of any change in address while laid off or reduced in rank. The notice shall be by certified mail, return receipt requested. The employee shall be given 20 days to accept an offer

of reinstatement, in which case written acceptance shall be sufficient if filed in any form with the Personnel Administrator.

10. Any employee who is reduced in rank, pursuant to this Article, and is on a promotional list when demoted shall remain on the list and remain eligible for promotion until the list expires, subject however to the recall or reinstatement rights of any laid off or demoted employee under the terms of this Article.
11. The provisions of this Article shall govern to determine the rights of any employee who is demoted or laid off on or after July 1, 1992.
12. In addition to the rules generally applicable to layoffs under Paragraph C of this Article 23, the following additional rule shall apply to the Emergency Medical Service Division. For purposes of layoff and reemployment "AM-205-8, Employee Layoffs" defines "organizational unit." The Fire Department has three (3) or more organizational levels, the level immediately below the agency is normally designated as a bureau. The organizational level immediately below a bureau is normally designated as a division. "Organizational unit" refers to a division. In this instance, the Emergency Medical Service Division is an organizational unit.

All Emergency Medical Service personnel who are to be laid off shall first be offered an opportunity to fill any vacant position(s) in the Fire Department for which the employees are qualified or for which they may be qualified after a period of training. In the event a reduction in force is necessary in the Emergency Medical Service, but there are fewer vacant positions remaining in the Fire Department than the number of employees to be laid off, the vacancies shall be offered in order of seniority going first to the most senior personnel to be laid off from the Emergency Medical Service.

ARTICLE 24: FIRE FIGHTERS' UNION POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE AND DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

A. The Employer and the Union shall provide for deduction of Fire Fighters' Union Political Action Committee contributions from payroll and pension checks upon proper voluntary written authorization, by participating employees at no cost to the Union or to the Political Action Committee.

B. The Employer shall assume the administrative cost for employees participating in the Deferred Compensation Plan.

ARTICLE 25: PROMOTIONAL SYSTEM

A. Consistent with the City Charter, it is hereby agreed that unless ordered to do so by a court of competent jurisdiction, neither the Employer nor any of its constituent agencies will change the present time-in-grade requirements for promotion, nor will they deviate from the present policy of selection of the first candidate on a list, through all grades up to and including Battalion Chief.

B. Promotion lists shall run for 2 years from posted date and shall not be extended except by agreement of the parties.

C. Vacancies shall be filled from current eligible lists commencing with the following pay period, and other vacancies as soon as possible. BCFD shall consult with the Union in Labor-Management about beginning a criminal background check before positions shall become vacant.

D. Promotion lists to be maintained in all grades up to and including Lieutenant, and as soon as possible in other classifications as the need arises.

E. The Employer agrees that representatives of the Union shall be entitled to meet with the Personnel Director (Department of Personnel) or his/her designee on a regular quarterly basis, at times to be mutually agreed upon, to discuss problems of interest to members of Local 734. This will not preclude further meetings which may be mutually arranged by the parties.

F. Union and management shall convene a joint committee to review and discuss educational requirements for promotions to propose for negotiations for FY 2012.

ARTICLE 26: UNIFORMS

A. Members will be allowed to wear clean work uniforms, as determined by the Chief, dress uniforms, or civilian clothes to and from work.

B. The Employer shall maintain and replace uniforms on the basis currently followed. Station uniforms no longer serviceable shall be replaced within 30 days of condemnation.

C. The minimum issue of station uniforms to all employees on payroll after June 30, 1986 shall consist of:

Four (4) pair of pants

Four (4) short sleeve shirts

Four (4) long sleeve shirts
One (1) dress cap
One (1) insulated winter jacket (with zip-out liner)
One (1) web-style belt
One (1) belt buckle

D. All clothing issued as uniforms pursuant to Paragraphs B. and C. of this Article shall conform to the standards described in Article 15, Paragraph B of this Memorandum.

E. The Employer shall provide a clothing allowance of \$250 to members assigned or detailed to the Public Information Office.

F. The Union and management shall convene a joint committee to review and discuss educational requirements for promotions to propose for negotiations for FY 2012.

ARTICLE 27: EMPLOYEE'S PERSONNEL AND MEDICAL FILE

A. No material relating to an employee's conduct, service, character, personality or medical status shall be placed in the employee's personnel and/or medical file unless it is signed by the person submitting the information and is furnished to the employee involved.

B. By appointment and after proper identification, an employee or the employee's designated representative, acting on behalf of the employee with a notarized written statement of authorization signed by the employee, shall have the right to examine his personnel and/or medical file, and the employee and/or his authorized representative shall, in writing, indicate the date of said examination and affix his signature. Personnel and/or medical files shall be read or examined only by those persons so authorized by the Chief of Fire Department, and in the presence of the Fire Department Personnel Administrator or his/her designee who will be responsible for maintaining the security and confidentiality of the file documents during the review process. The Personnel Administrator will safeguard the file documents against alteration, removal, or tampering and insure that no document, record or other material is placed in the file during the review, by requiring that reasonable security procedures be adhered to during the review process. For medical files, the employee will be responsible for usual and customary administrative processing fees and any additional cost associated with the document reproductions.

C. All documents whether formal or informal, that record discipline considered or sustained against an employee with the exception of offenses under MOP 336, shall be expunged from the files of the Fire Department should the same offense not recur within forty-eight (48) months.

D. No previous charge over forty-eight (48) months (with the exception of previous violations of the substance abuse and testing policies and procedures and aftercare agreements MOP 336 to 336-9 inclusive) will be considered in the process of adjudicating Departmental Charges.

ARTICLE 28: BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

A.

1. Employees shall be entitled to Bereavement Leave for death of blood relatives and in-laws set forth in AM-204-8 of the Employer's Administrative Manual in effect on the date of execution of this Memorandum. In addition, effective July 1, 2003 the Employer shall include in immediate family: ex-wife or ex-husband who is the parent of an employee's child under the age of 18.
2. In addition, effective July 1, 2001, the Employer shall permit a covered employee to claim and receive one day's leave, without pay, for the death of a brother-in-law, a sister-in-law, as well as a former mother-in-law or former father-in-law who are grandparents to a child parented by the employee.

B. The one day's leave of absence must be taken within 6 calendar days of the date of death, or on the day of the funeral of the relative if the funeral occurs more than 6 days after the death, as provided in MOP 319 in effect on March 1, 2001.

C. Any employee qualifying for the four (4) days of Bereavement Leave under this Memorandum, may at his/her choosing take additional Bereavement Leave to a maximum of four (4) additional work days, to be used from employee's vacation bank for a total of eight (8) consecutive work days.

D. Manual of Procedure shall be revised as of July 1, 2007 to reflect changes.

ARTICLE 29: EDUCATION

The Employer shall make available the sum of \$7,500 in order that the costs of tuition and required books incurred in conjunction with the earning of college credits in job-related courses towards a degree, which are not reimbursed under State funding, may be compensated for up to 75% for "A" (GPA 4.00), 65% for a "B" (GPA 3.00) and 55% for a "C" (GPA 2.00). A grade of "pass" in a pass/fail grading system, shall be reimbursed at 75%. All reimbursement under this Section is subject to verification.

ARTICLE 30: VACATION

A. A first choice vacation option must be exercised at least 7 days in advance of the vacation opportunity. If members do not exercise such option, the opened dates will be considered available to any member in the unit upon request. First choice vacation as provided for in this Article shall not be subject to cancellation.

B. The practice of numbering first choice vacation opportunities shall be continued. In order to assign first choice vacation opportunities, all Fire Suppression and EMS employees who are members of the Group System, as provided in Article 8, shall be assigned to 6 number groups. An employee shall be entitled to a first choice vacation opportunity consisting of 4 consecutive shifts when the employee's number appears on the work schedule. Each employee shall receive approximately 30 first choice vacation opportunities within the year. The 6 number system shall remain in effect for a determined period of time, of no less than Fiscal Year 2008 and Fiscal Year 2009, through June 30, 2009 during which period the Baltimore City Fire Department and the Fire Unions shall jointly study the staffing and scheduling of the Baltimore City Fire Department, to determine through negotiations, whether or not any changes may be necessary.

C. Second choice vacations will be permitted if sufficient personnel are available; however, once granted, said vacation shall not be canceled unless a 24-hour notice is given.

D. Regulations pertaining to vacation under Manual of Procedure (MOP) 322 shall remain in effect for employees hired into the Fire Service prior to July 1, 1979.

For those employees hired into the Fire Service after July 1, 1979, vacation leave is accrued in relationship to the length of continuous service with the Employer as follows:

1. Employees with less than 6 years of service shall earn vacation leave of 1 working day for each month of completed service, or a total of 12 days per year.
2. Employees who have 6 but less than 11 years of service shall earn vacation leave of 1¼ working days for each month of completed service, or a total of 15 days per year.
3. Employees who have 11 but less than 14 years of service shall earn vacation leave of 1½ working days for each month of completed service, or a total of 18 days per year.

4. Employees who have 14 but less than 19 years of service shall earn vacation leave of $1\frac{3}{4}$ working days for each month of completed service, or a total of 21 days per year.
5. Employees who have completed 19 or more years of continuous service shall earn vacation leave of 2 working days for each month of completed service, with a maximum of 24 days per year.
6. Employees will be allowed to accumulate vacation up to the maximum number of days earnable for a 4-year period as determined by the current rate of accrual.

E. During the term of this Memorandum, no employee shall at any time be compelled to take vacation time.

F. All leave days shall be considered vacation days for the purpose of this Article.

ARTICLE 31: OTHER LEAVE

A. Injury and/or Sick Leave (Non-Line of Duty)

Effective July 1, 1988, no deduction shall be made in the salary of any employee on account of non-line of duty illness or injury, provided such sickness does not last longer than 6 months, and provided further that if an employee shall absent himself from duty on account of non-line of duty illness or injury he shall, before receiving his salary, present or have presented to the unit officer of the company of which he is a member a certificate from the physician employed by the Fire Department, stating that the employee, on account of illness or injury, is unable to perform his or her duties.

B. Injury and/or Sick Leave (Line of Duty)

Any member of the Fire Department of the City of Baltimore, receiving injury or becoming disabled while in the discharge of his duties, so as to prevent him from following his daily occupation or attending to his duties as a member of said Department, such member shall, for 12 months, provided his disability shall last that time, receive his usual salary.

No employee shall be entitled to receive Workers' Compensation benefits for temporary total disability during the time, or covering the period, that said employee is receiving his or her full salary for job injury leave as outlined above.

C. Catastrophic Injury or Illness

In addition to leave available in Sections A and B above, should a permanent full-time employee covered by this Memorandum of Understanding sustain a catastrophic injury or illness, and complete medical recovery is reasonably anticipated; ~~however~~ **but**, return to full regular duty requires additional recovery/rehabilitation time, he or she will be allowed to use an additional twelve weeks of accrued leave. The reasonable prognosis of complete recovery within twelve weeks referred to in this section "C" must be certified by a physician licensed in the State of Maryland.

D. Family and Medical Leave

1. Use of accrued leave as provided in this Article does not modify the combination of types of leave specified in the City of Baltimore Administration Manual, AM 203-2 Family and Medical Leave. Use of Family and Medical Leave under the provisions of this section is limited to the 12-week per 12-month entitlement of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 ("FMLA") and the Employee Eligibility criteria specified in AM 203-2.
2. The Employer shall continue to follow its paid leave practices for line of duty and non-line of duty leave in the event of illness or injury. When an employee is out of work for an illness or injury that qualifies for the FMLA, that leave shall be counted toward an employee's 12 weeks of FMLA coverage, and he/she shall be notified that the FMLA shall be applied to the absence. In the event of other absences covered by FMLA e.g. for child care or parental leave, such absences shall be charged against the employee's vacation leave accrual, if any remains, but the employee shall not forfeit any first choice opportunities for such leave. In the event that an employee exhausts the 12-week FMLA coverage, in the absence of leave abuse, the Employer shall give due consideration for requests for extended leave to avoid hardship or loss of employment.

E. Retirement Leave

Effective July 1, 1988, all employees shall receive 90 days of leave with pay just prior to retirement.

F. With prior approval of the Chief of the Department, employees may be granted Union Leave without loss of pay to attend scheduled conferences, seminars, meetings and conventions. The total amount of this leave available during the term of this Memorandum is equal to 170 days per year. Up to 170 days of Union Leave that is unused may be carried over from one fiscal year to the next, and it shall be available for use in addition to the 170 days that shall be allotted for the new fiscal year.

G. Third Party Court Appearances

Employees who are subpoenaed by third parties to appear in Court to testify about events which occurred while on duty shall be granted time off with pay if subpoenaed to appear to testify either (i) on the day on which they are scheduled to work (either day shift or night shift), or (ii) on the day on which they have scheduled to take vacation or holiday leave. If assigned to work on the day shift, hours off shall be granted from the beginning of the shift until the employee is released by the Court and has had a reasonable opportunity to report to work for the balance of the shift. If assigned to work on a night shift, which is scheduled to begin in the afternoon of the day to which the subpoena is returnable, all hours off shall be credited hour for hour as compensatory time, to be taken by the employee at the beginning of his or her assigned shift that afternoon. For night shifts, hours shall be credited as measured from the start of the day shift until the employee is released by the Court. No hours off shall be credited for scheduled days off. Vacation leave or holiday leave may be canceled, but the employee must notify the Department of the subpoena within a reasonable time after he or she is served.

H. Subject to approval by the Chief of Fire Department, an employee with banked vacation days may transfer up to two (2) vacation days per calendar year to another employee who is experiencing a personal hardship, providing the following conditions are met:

1. The recipient has exhausted all of his or her accrued leave including Vacation and Personal leave.
2. The transfer of vacation days pursuant to this program is strictly a voluntary donation. Vacation days may not be transferred in exchange for cash or other remuneration.
3. The recipient must be experiencing a hardship for which the transfer of days would provide relief.
4. All days transferred pursuant to this provision are irrevocable transfers.
5. An employee may receive no more than thirty (30) transferred days if they are a day-work employee or twenty-eight (28) transferred days if they are a shift work employee.
6. Use of donated days by an employee on suspension or termination is not permitted.

ARTICLE 32: PENSION COMMITTEE

The parties agree that the present joint committee to review the existing pension system will continue. Union representation for the joint committee shall be composed of six representatives, two representatives each from and appointed by the following bargaining agents: IAFF Local 734, IAFF Local 964 and the Fraternal Order of Police. It shall be permitted to recommend appropriate pension changes during the term of this Memorandum.

ARTICLE 33: PRINTING

The costs of printing copies of this Memorandum of Understanding for distribution to members of the bargaining unit and Fire Department management shall be shared equally by the parties and the printing shall be by a Union shop as selected by the Union. Each Fire Department IAFF Local shall be provided with an appropriately formatted computer diskette or compact disk containing the adopted MOU.

ARTICLE 34: SEVERABILITY

A. Should any Article or part of any Article of this Memorandum of Understanding be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of this Memorandum of Understanding shall not thereby be invalidated but shall remain in full force and effect to the same end and effect as if such invalid portion had not been included. In such event, the parties agree that at the request of either of them, negotiations will be commenced for a mutually agreeable replacement provision.

B. If, as a condition for receipt by the City of state or federal grant-in-aid funds or other state or federal allotments of money, a provision of the Memorandum is required by the awarding agency to be deleted or modified, the parties shall promptly meet to discuss compliance with such condition and the adoption of substitute contractual provisions to preserve and protect the rights and privileges of the parties as intended by the provision required to be deleted or modified.

ARTICLE 35: WORK RULES

A. Snow Removal

Employees shall not be required to remove snow from company quarters from 2400 to 0700 hours, except in the event that snow has accumulated to such depth that the access and egress of fire equipment is impeded, thus requiring the cleaning of Engine House driveways.

B. Watch Desk Duty

Departmental Communications will operate in "Silent Dispatch Mode" between 2200 and 0600 hours effective 0700 hours July 1, 1999 for a six month evaluation period prior to permanent implementation effective 0700 hours January 1, 2000. Thereafter, members will be relieved of attended watch duty between 2200 hours and 0600 hours unless "Silent Dispatch Mode" is canceled by the Officer in Charge of Field Operations.

C. Clean-up

Employees returning from a fireground or other work assignment shall be allowed 15 minutes for clean-up.

D. Night Differential

The Employer has in the past paid a premium of \$.25 an hour for night work, which shall be expressed as a \$260 wage adjustment. This night differential shall be increased \$.05 an hour, which shall be expressed as an additional adjustment of \$60. The combined sum of \$320 shall be paid to all members on an annual basis, effective July 1, 1986. The night differential of \$320 shall be a component of each employee's total annual salary.

E. Each employee who is covered by this Agreement shall be given 10 days notice in advance of any change in assignment or of any Departmental decision to change their individual shift (including vacation numbers). Any Departmental decision to change an employee's shift will be based, first, on unit seniority on the shift involved and then on battalion seniority on the shift involved, unless the Department can demonstrate unusual and unforeseen circumstances.

ARTICLE 36: TERMINATION, CHANGE OR AMENDMENT

A. This Memorandum of Understanding shall become effective July 1, 2009 and remain in full force and effect until June 30, 2011. It shall automatically be renewed from year to year thereafter unless either party shall give to the other party written notice of a desire to terminate, modify or amend this Memorandum of Understanding. Such notice shall be given the other party in writing by certified mail no later than January 1 of the year involved.

B. If a substantial and material change occurs in the fiscal status of the City of Baltimore's General Fund subsequent to the formation of the current Interest Arbitration Award or Memorandum of Understanding, then in such event the Mayor may require the reopening of the Interest Arbitration Award or Memorandum of Understanding, as to wages only, upon 20-days written notice to the other party. The Mayor's notice shall be noted in the minutes of the Board of Estimates. Should the

parties fail to reach an agreement regarding a change in wages by negotiation, within 20 days following the commencement of negotiation, the parties shall submit the wage adjustment issue to binding interest arbitration, consistent with the procedures set forth in of Baltimore City Charter (~~1996~~ 2006), Article II, Section 55(b).

The neutral member of the Board of Arbitration shall be a member of the National Academy of Arbitrators.

The issue submitted to the Board of Arbitration will be whether the Arbitration Award or Memorandum of Understanding must be modified in light of substantial and material changed fiscal circumstances in the City of Baltimore's General Fund which could not reasonably have been expected at the time of the interest arbitration or prior negotiation. The Board of Arbitration shall have the authority to modify the wage component of the Award or Memorandum of Understanding based upon the final and last positions taken by the parties. Any such modification shall only be prospective. The decision of the Board of Arbitration shall be rendered within 30 days of the commencement of the hearing.

This Memorandum of Understanding is signed on the ____ day of _____ 2009 in Baltimore, Maryland.

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF
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SUFFICIENCY:**

Gary Gilkey, Solicitor

**NOTED BY THE BOARD OF
ESTIMATES:**

Clerk Date

ADDENDUM A
HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS

Employees covered by this Memorandum are eligible for benefits under the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Preferred Provider (PPN) and any other preferred provider or point of service plan offered by the Employer or under one of the HMO's offered by the Employer. The benefits under the aforementioned plans are set forth in the Summary Plan Descriptions for those plans.

For informational purposes, the parties have set forth below various benefits provided under the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Plans including certain benefits which have been agreed upon during the negotiations for this Memorandum.

A. PPN Plan

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| 1. | Major Medical –

Private-Duty Nursing
Medical Supplies
Ambulance Services
Whole Blood
Orthopedic and Prosthetic Devices | 80% Employer coverage, after
\$200 deductible. |
| 2. | Hospital inpatient medical days | 365 days at 100% |
| 3. | Routine physicals
(one every three years) | 100% of allowed
benefit
\$10 per office visit |
| 4. | Routine OB/GYN Exam
(one per year) | 100% of allowed
benefit
\$15 per office visit |
| 5. | Office Medical visit | \$10 per visit |
| 6. | Specialist office visit | \$15 per visit |
| 7. | Well Child care through age 6
Included immunizations and vaccines | \$10 per office visit |
| 8. | One annual physical ages 7-12 | \$75 maximum
\$10 per office visit |

9.	Out-of-Network Care	70% coverage after deductible
10.	In-vitro fertilization	Limit of \$12,000
11.	Physical, speech and occupational per year Therapy (out patient/ office) Pre-authorization required after 10 th visit.	100 combined visits
12.	Emergency room charges due to Medical Emergency	\$35 per visit 1-1-09 \$50 per visit 1-10-10
13.	Diabetic medical supplies	100% of allowed benefit
14.	Diagnostic test, x-rays, laboratory tests	100% of allowed benefits

B. Traditional Plan

1. See summary plan description

C. Prescription Drug Program

1. The parties shall continue to administer a generic prescription drug program. Employees and their dependents shall as a general rule be expected to have prescriptions filled with generic equivalents when proprietary drugs are ordered. However, if medically necessary, an employee or dependent may apply for permission to purchase a proprietary drug by name even though a generic equivalent may be available on the market. If an employee or dependent secures prior permission to purchase a proprietary drug in lieu of a generic drug, the employee shall be subject only to a co-pay at the rate of a generic drug. In order to qualify for permission, the employee must first submit satisfactory written medical documentation for review to the Employee Benefits Division of the Department of Human Resources. After an impartial review by a qualified health care professional, the Employee Benefits Division shall either grant, deny or ask for additional information about the application. Employees or beneficiaries who are approved shall be expected to purchase the approved proprietary drug from a participating pharmacist, and to initially pay the cost of the drug out-of-

pocket. All covered out-of-pocket expenses shall thereafter be reimbursed by the City.

2. The Employer shall continue the Prescription Drug Program in effect as of the date of this Memorandum with the following co-pays:

(a) The co-pays set by the Employer effective January 1, 2004, for a thirty (30) day retail prescription shall be three-tiered, that is, in three different classifications: \$10.00 for a generic drug; \$20.00 for a preferred brand name drug; and \$30.00 for non-preferred drug. The co-pays set by the Employer effective January 1, 2004 for a ninety (90) day mail order prescription shall be three-tiered, that is, in three different classifications: \$15.00 for a generic drug; \$25.00 for a preferred brand drug; and \$35.00 for a non-preferred drug.

(b) On or before October 1, 2003, the Employer shall provide to the Union a schedule of the drugs classified as generic, brand name and non-preferred. The Employer shall not be arbitrary in its assignment of a drug to one co-pay classification as opposed to another.

(c) Effective January 1, 1997, eligible unmarried dependents who are full-time students shall be covered by Baltimore City's General Prescription Drug and Vision Care Programs until the end of the calendar year the dependents reach age 23 or to the end of the year they cease being full-time students, whichever occurs first. Verification of enrollment must be provided in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Employee Benefits Division.

D. Health Maintenance Organizations (HMO) Alternative

E. Request for Documents

1. The Employer shall make available to the Union copies of all documents which describe and define the provider obligations of each health insurer, health maintenance organization and other entity that is to provide any health service to any bargaining unit members or their dependents. Such documents shall include the Request for Proposal and Specifications and final contract or agreement with the City of Baltimore, and Summary Plan Description prepared or issued relating to the services that are to be provided to the extent such documents are available. Such programs shall include, without limitation, health, major medical, dental, drug and vision care.
2. For the subsequent health plan year, the Employer shall make available to the Union copies of all documents which describe and define the provider

obligations of each health insurer, health maintenance organization and other entity that is to provide any health service to any bargaining unit members or their dependents, as soon as such documents are available.

3. At the request of the Union, the Employer shall further make available to the Union copies of any Request for Proposal and Specifications before any such document is released for bid. In addition, the Union shall be notified of the time, date, and place of any pre-bid meeting conducted with interested parties on the RFP. If any amendments are drawn to the RFP, copies of such amendment also shall promptly be furnished to the Union. Such documents shall include the Request for Proposal and Specifications and final contract or agreement with the City of Baltimore, and Summary Plan Description prepared or issued relating to the services that are to be provided.
 4. Further, the Employer also shall furnish copies of any midterm amendment or adjustment to the programs before the terms of any such amendment or adjustment are implemented.
- F. Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefits (Double Indemnity) as set forth in Article 11.
- G. City of Baltimore Vision Care Plan

The Employer shall continue the Vision Care Program until it successfully issues and awards an RFP to CareFirst or other provider to establish a Select Vision Program with benefits at least comparable to those available currently under the 2008 Select Vision Program for other City units.

ADDENDUM B

Salary Scale *Fire Fighters FY 2010- 2011*

	Grade	Hiring Level	Full Performance Level	Experience Level	Maximum Level	L1*	L2-5*	L4-5
Fire Fighter Paramedic	311	34,459	39,854	53,652	54,994	550	1,925	2,200
Fire Dispatcher	312	37,021	38,354	43,455	44,541	445	1,559	1,782
Paramedic/Fire Fighter	314	36,160	42,040	56,339	57,747	577	2,021	2,310
Sworn Fire Fighter/ Paramedic	316	36,160	42,040	56,339	57,747	577	2,021	2,310
Fire Emergency Vehicle Driver	317	33,855	39,396	53,380	54,715	547	1,915	2,189
Marine Engineer (Fire Department)	324	39,710	45,395	59,496	60,983	610	2,134	2,439
Fire Fighter	325	32,999	38,393	52,192	53,497	535	1,872	2,140
Fire Emergency Boat Operator	334	34,094	39,670	53,704	55,047	550	1,927	2,202
Fire Prevention Specialist	335	35,284	41,062	55,364	56,748	567	1,986	2,270
Fire Prevention Inspector I	336	38,183	44,440	56,997	58,422	584	2,045	2,337
Fire Fighter Paramedic, ALS	337	34,459	39,854	53,652	54,994	550	1,925	2,200
Fire Emerg. Vehicle Driver, ALS	352	35,316	40,857	54,839	56,210	562	1,967	2,248
Boat//Pump Operator, ALS	354	35,555	41,131	55,164	56,543	565	1,979	2,262
Fire Prevention Specialist, ALS	355	36,744	42,523	56,823	58,243	582	2,039	2,330
Paramedic Firefighter, ALS	357	37,620	43,500	57,798	59,244	592	2,074	2,370
Dispatcher, ALS	359	38,481	39,815	44,915	46,038	460	1,611	1,842
Fire Prev. Insp. I, EMT-I, ALS	364	39,644	45,900	58,458	59,918	599	2,097	2,397
Marine/ Boat Engr, EMT-P, ALS	366	41,169	46,855	60,955	62,480	625	2,187	2,499

Apprentice Wage Scale

Baltimore City Fire Department
Firefighter Paramedic Apprentice
Journey person's
Rate:

\$53,542

Journey person's Rate is based on the Experienced Level salary of Fire Fighter, Grade 334, with a \$1350 addend for **Paramedic** Certification included upon completion of training.

		Hiring	Full Performance	Experience	Maximum
FF/Paramedic Apprentice	91F	33,416	39,853	52,192	53,497

The ALS Certification payment shall continue for members promoted out of Grade 312 to any

other grade represented by Fire Fighters Local 734.

ADDENDUM C WORK SCHEDULE

BALTIMORE FIRE FIGHTERS LOCAL 734

2009/2010 Work Schedule

410-234-0734

		Nov	2009		Dec	2009		Jan	2010		Feb	2010		Mar	2010		April	2010		May	2010		June	2010
		D	N		D	N		D	N		D	N		D	N		D	N		D	N		D	N
S	1	C6	A6																					
M	2	C6	A6																					
T	3	B6	C6	1	A4	D3				1	D5	B5	1	C3	A3									
W	4	B6	C6	2	A4	D3				2	D5	B5	2	C3	A3							1	D2	B2
T	5	D6	B6	3	C4	A4				3	A6	D5	3	B3	C3							2	D2	B2
F	6	D6	B6	4	C4	A4				4	A6	D5	4	B3	C3							3	A3	D2
S	7	A1	D6	5	B4	C4	2	D1	B1	5	C6	A6	5	D3	B3	1	A1	D6				4	A3	D2
S	8	A1	D6	6	B4	C4	3	A2	D1	6	C6	A6	6	D3	B3	2	C1	A1	1	D4	B4	5	C3	A3
M	9	C1	A1	7	D4	B4	4	C2	A2	7	B6	C6	7	A4	D3	3	B1	C1	2	A5	D4	6	C3	A3
T	10	B1	C1	8	A5	D4	5	C2	A2	8	B6	C6	8	A4	D3	4	B1	C1	3	A5	D4	7	B3	C3
W	11	B1	C1	9	A5	D4	6	B2	C2	9	D6	B6	9	C4	A4	5	D1	B1	4	C5	A5	8	B3	C3
T	12	B1	C1	10	A5	D4	7	B2	C2	10	D6	B6	10	C4	A4	6	D1	B1	5	C5	A5	9	D3	B3
F	13	D1	B1	11	C5	A5	8	D2	B2	11	A1	D6	11	B4	C4	7	A2	D1	6	B5	C5	10	D3	B3
S	14	D1	B1	12	C5	A5	9	D2	B2	12	C1	A1	13	D4	B4	8	A2	D1	7	B5	C5	11	A4	D3
S	15	A2	D1	13	B5	C5	10	A3	D2	14	C1	A1	14	D4	B4	9	C2	A2	8	D5	B5	13	C4	A4
M	16	A2	D1	14	B5	C5	11	A3	D2	15	B1	C1	15	A5	D4	10	B2	C2	9	A6	D5	14	C4	A4
T	17	C2	A2	15	D5	B5	12	C3	A3	16	B1	C1	16	A5	D4	11	B2	C2	10	A6	D5	15	B4	C4
W	18	C2	A2	16	D5	B5	13	C3	A3	17	D1	B1	17	C5	A5	12	D2	B2	11	C6	A6	16	B4	C4
T	19	B2	C2	17	A6	D5	14	B3	C3	18	D1	B1	18	C5	A5	13	D2	B2	12	C6	A6	17	D4	B4
F	20	B2	C2	18	A6	D5	15	B3	C3	19	A2	D1	19	B5	C5	14	A3	D2	13	B6	C6	18	D4	B4
S	21	D2	B2	19	C6	A6	16	D3	B3	20	A2	D1	20	B5	C5	15	A3	D2	14	B6	C6	19	A5	D4
S	22	D2	B2	20	C6	A6	17	D3	B3	21	C2	A2	21	D5	B5	16	C3	A3	15	D6	B6	20	A5	D4
M	23	A3	D2	21	B6	C6	18	A4	D3	22	C2	A2	22	D5	B5	17	C3	A3	16	D6	B6	21	C5	A5
T	24	A3	D2	22	B6	C6	19	A4	D3	23	B2	C2	23	A6	D5	18	B3	C3	17	A1	D6	22	C5	A5
W	25	C3	A3	23	D6	B6	20	C4	A4	24	B2	C2	24	A6	D5	19	B3	C3	18	A1	D6	23	B5	C5
T	26	C3	A3	24	D6	B6	21	C4	A4	25	D2	B2	25	C6	A6	20	D3	B3	19	C1	A1	24	B5	C5
F	27	B3	C3	25	A1	D6	22	B4	C4	26	D2	B2	26	C6	A6	21	D3	B3	20	C1	A1	25	D5	B5
S	28	B3	C3	26	A1	D6	23	B4	C4	27	A3	D2	27	B6	C6	22	A4	D3	21	B1	C1	26	D5	B5
S	29	D3	B3	27	C1	A1	24	D4	B4	28	A3	D2	28	B6	C6	23	A4	D3	22	B1	C1	27	A6	D5
M	30	D3	B3	28	C1	A1	25	D4	B4	29			29	D6	B6	24	C4	A4	23	D1	B1	28	A6	D5
T				29	B1	C1	26	A5	D4	30			30	A1	D6	25	C4	A4	24	D1	B1	29	C6	A6
W				30	B1	C1	27	A5	D4				31			26	B4	C4	25	A2	D1	30	C6	A6
T																27	B4	C4	26	A2	D1			
F																28	B4	C4	27	A2	D1			
S																29	B4	C4	28	C2	A2			
																30	D4	B4	29	C2	A2			
S																			30	B2	C2			
M																			31	B2	C2			

D - Day Work N - Night Work

ADDENDUM D
RELEASE FROM WORK

December 28, 2009

Robert J. Sledgeski, President
Baltimore Fire Fighters
Local #734
1202 Ridgley Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21230

Re: Time Off To Process Grievances and Attend Committee Meetings

Dear Mr. Sledgeski:

Callbacks, except for major emergency incidents, shall not be a reason to deny leave under Article 7 and Article 15 of the Memorandum of Understanding.

Sincerely,

Deborah F. Moore-Carter
Labor Commissioner

ACCEPTED FOR IAFF, LOCAL 734:

Robert J. Sledgeski, President

DMC/lwmcn/FF 734 FY 2010-2011

cc: James S. Clack

ADDENDUM E
BARGAINING HISTORY PRESERVED

Robert J. Sledgeski, President
Baltimore Fire Fighters, IAFF
Local #734
1202 Ridgley Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21230

December 28, 2009

Re: **Bargaining History Preserved**

Dear Mr. Sledgeski:

In negotiations for FY 2010, the parties reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding for the Fire Fighters bargaining unit.

The changes made by agreement in City Charter or City Code references, and the deletion of any references to the beginning or start date of a provision shall not alter or revise bargaining history through FY 2009, or the meaning or application of terms and provisions for either bargaining unit. Also, all wage premium specifically recognized through FY 2009 in separate provisions as a part of each employee's total annual salary as reflected in Addendum B shall continue to be carried forward from year to year even through those specific references were deleted beginning with FY 2010.

Sincerely,

Deborah F. Moore-Carter
Labor Commissioner

ACCEPTED FOR IAFF, LOCAL 734:

Robert J. Sledgeski, President

cc: James S. Clack

ADDENDUM F
TIUTION REIMBURSEMENT

Robert J. Sledgeski, President
Baltimore Fire Fighters, IAFF
Local 734
1202 Ridgley Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21230

December 28, 2009

Re: Tuition Reimbursement

Dear Mr. Sledgeski:

Notwithstanding the language in Article 29, Education, in the Memorandum of Understanding, the Employer shall make available the sum of \$2,500 per member per fiscal year to cover the cost of tuition and books for job related college courses related toward a degree, which are not reimbursed by State funds. The current grade requirement remains in effect.

This side letter agreement shall continue unless or until modified by the parties through collective bargaining.

Sincerely,

Deborah F. Moore-Carter
Labor Commissioner

ACCEPTED FOR IAFF, LOCAL 734:

Robert J. Sledgeski, President

DFMC/lw-mcn/*FO FF 734 FY 2010-2011*

cc: James Clack
